

and safe place for youth to play. The park opened to the public on May 21, 2005 and features a planet walk by artist Philip Smith and a stainless steel sundial sculpture by artist Patrick Vogel. The 1.2 acre park is a welcoming place for families to gather in a neighborhood short on park space.

The Long Beach Rotary is one of the largest Rotary Clubs in Southern California. Comprised of approximately 375 business and professional leaders that put "Service above Self," the Rotary Club is known the world over. Rotary Club International is comprised of more than 1,200,000 members in 31,000 clubs in 166 countries.

The Long Beach Rotary has two remarkable charitable organizations. The Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation and The Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation both are 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations.

The Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships to Long Beach area students at Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach. Currently, the foundation oversees over \$6 million. In 2006 the foundation awarded over 250 scholarships totaling nearly \$300,000.

The Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation supports philanthropic endeavors in the Long Beach area. Past projects include Rotary Centennial Park, Camp Enterprise, and Rotary Reads, as well as grants to Long Beach area charities and programs designed for youth and education. Groups such as the Boys and Girls Club, LB Day Nursery, YMCA, Boy Scouts, Long Beach Unified School District, and the Carpenter Center have all benefited from the foundation, which gave over \$80,000 in 2005–2006.

The Long Beach Rotary has definitely kept to its founding principles of providing humanitarian service, encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations, and helping to build goodwill and peace in the world—one tree, one student, and one park at a time.

Happy Anniversary. May the next 90 years bring as much success as the past 90 years.

#### HONORING PHILLIP GREENWELL

#### HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phillip Greenwell, a remarkable man with a long history of service to his country and to Kentucky. Mr. Greenwell, a lifelong resident of Nelson County, has been an active member of American Legion Post 121 in Bardstown, KY, for nearly 60 years.

Phillip Greenwell was drafted into the Army during World War II and served for 2 years as a combat engineer at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Mr. Greenwell has made it a personal priority to serve his fellow veterans through his work with American Legion Post 121. His leadership positions include post commander, post vice commander, district commander, district vice commander, district service officer, and district chaplain. He has also served on the Kentucky American Legion State Finance Committee and State Internal Affairs Committee.

Though Mr. Greenwell's health now requires him to stay at home, he still stays active in

American Legion activities by phone and continues to assist with veterans casework. In addition to his American Legion service, he has served on the Kentucky Boy's State Committee and was a volunteer for the Red Cross for over 25 years.

It is my privilege to honor Phillip Greenwell today, before the entire United States House of Representatives, for his service to our country and his tireless efforts on behalf of American Legion Post 121 and his fellow veterans. Mr. Greenwell has made a significant difference to his "Old Kentucky Home."

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL GRAHAM

#### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Michael Graham of Henderson, Nevada who passed away on September 23, 2007.

Michael was born in McMinnville, Oregon, on October 23, 1946. After he earned his bachelors degree from San Francisco State University and fulfilled his graduate studies in the areas of finance and management, he became involved with private and non-profit finance and management careers. His career reached its culmination when he was named Deputy State Director of the Nevada Small Business Development Center in 2000. In this role, he directed the activities of the Business Environmental Program in Nevada as well as five Nevada Small Business Development Centers in Southern Nevada. He managed nearly 50 staff around the State providing business advice, resources and training.

Prior to taking the Deputy Director position in Henderson, Michael lived and served the community of Reno, Nevada, as an owner of several small businesses and eventually became the Director of Development for the University of Nevada, Reno College of Business Administration. He was awarded for his dedication to the community as the recipient of the prestigious "Philanthropic Executive of the Year" Award for northern Nevada in 2000.

In 1976 Michael joined the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, and was the president of two different chapters. Mr. Graham was also an active member of several boards and committees including the UCCSN's Division of Continuing Education's Non-Profit Management Board, President of Arizona Consulting Group, and is a proud member of the Prospectors Club. Moreover, he served on the city of Reno's Redevelopment Advisory Board and its Financial Board. Michael has also taught Business Management, Finance and Fund Raising on various college campuses.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Michael Graham who was and remains well known and respected community member. His dedication and service to the community should be applauded and admired by all. He was a pillar of the community and will be greatly missed.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, due to travel conflicts beyond my control, I was unable to be back in Washington on October 9, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 949 on passage of H. Res. 32. I also missed rollcall vote No. 950 on passage of H.R. 400, the War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 400.

#### CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER AARON WEAVER POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

#### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 9, 2007*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I am pleased that today we can honor a true American hero, Aaron Weaver of Inverness, Florida. Weaver is yet another example of the dedication of many men and women serving in our military today.

Weaver has a great family history of service and I am proud to work with his uncle, Naval Academy graduate and veteran Bill Schmidt, on behalf of the veterans in the fifth district of New Jersey. I know that Bill will miss him dearly but I also know that he is proud of his courageous nephew.

Weaver served in Mogadishu with the rangers who were immortalized by the movie *Black Hawk Down*. These brave Americans held out against superior numbers of armed rebels and conducted their mission in Somalia with dedication and dignity. For his actions in Somalia he was awarded a Bronze Star.

When Warrant Officer Weaver was diagnosed with his illness he chose to fight both cancer and the forces of Saddam Hussein. While he could have chosen a medical discharge he instead pressed to be with his comrades defending our Nation. If there were American soldiers defending freedom on foreign shores then Weaver wanted to be with them.

It's only proper that we should honor this hero with a lasting memorial in his community. I hope that his courage and sacrifice will not be forgotten and that he can serve as an inspiration to those who are serving our Nation now in the field of battle.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID K. SHIPLER

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Shipler, a former national and international reporter, former diplomatic correspondent, and author, as he speaks at Case Western Reserve University, my alma mater, on his latest book, "The Working Poor: Invisible in America."